

Campus community rallies, shows support for students from France following last Friday's terror attacks in Paris.



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Students placed flowers and candles under the French flag on campus Friday night following terrorist attacks on Paris.

Terror strikes the world again

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"I don't have words. Shocked? Sad? I don't know, I can't even express it. Terrible," Sophomore Margaux Jacquet said about how she felt watching Friday's events take place in her nation's capital.

Nov. 13 France was shook to its core and the world watched in shock as Paris became the victim of yet another terrorist strike. Nearly 130 people died in an attack that consisted of a mass shooting, hostage situations and multiple suicide bombings. Eighty died in a shooting and hostage situation that took place at the Bataclan Con-

cert Hall. By the end of the night all eight attackers died, but not before they put terror back in the global conversation.

Jacquet found out about the attacks Friday night just like everyone else in the world, through television. As soon as she found out what was going on, she reached out to her friends and family.

"I immediately talked to them. It was about six o'clock here and I saw it and started sending Facebook messages," Jacquet said.

Not only was Jacquet glued to the television and various newsfeeds, she stayed focused on the safety check option Facebook implemented for survivors of the at-

tacks to let people know they are okay.

"I was talking to my ex-boyfriend and he said 'I can hear it,'" Jacquet said. "(He) was right there when the attacks were happening and he was shocked... He told me he was crying and that was surprising because he's usually strong so I didn't know what to say. He told me how he went to do laundry on Saturday and one of the machines was full. He came back (Tuesday) and the same laundry was there. He thinks the laundry belonged to someone who was lost in the attacks."

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From left, Sadhana Bhattacharai, Hugh Slaton and Alicia Johnson sat on the Open Forum for Social Justice Monday in the Ron Houston Performing Arts Center.

Fixing the problem

Students and faculty discuss the issues of inequality on campus, community

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Race relations have grabbed campus headlines in recent days. On the campus of the University of Missouri, people ranging from the average student to several athletes protested the president of the university because of a perceived lack of attention to racial issues on campus. This led to conflict, culminating in a student posting on social media that he was going to attack and kill African American students at Mizzou.

The racial situation did not end on Missouri's campus; it touched Northwest's campus when one student made the same type of threats, claiming he was planning on killing African Americans. Fortunately, these two students were both arrest-

ed, stopping any possible plans.

Vice President of Student Affairs for Northwest Matt Baker said he had a feeling that this situation is not over.

"My gut tells me that there's a large group of students that are uncomfortable with the situation there and they are trying to share their experience and stories. I believe that whatever experience they have, their message needs to be heard," Baker said. "Students have shared with me that race is a concern. The conversation of race needs to grow. There is no doubt that we need to have a deeper conversation about race with every student, faculty and community member. We have a lot of work we have to do."

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Perkins Loans discontinued in new fiscal year, Pell Grants protected

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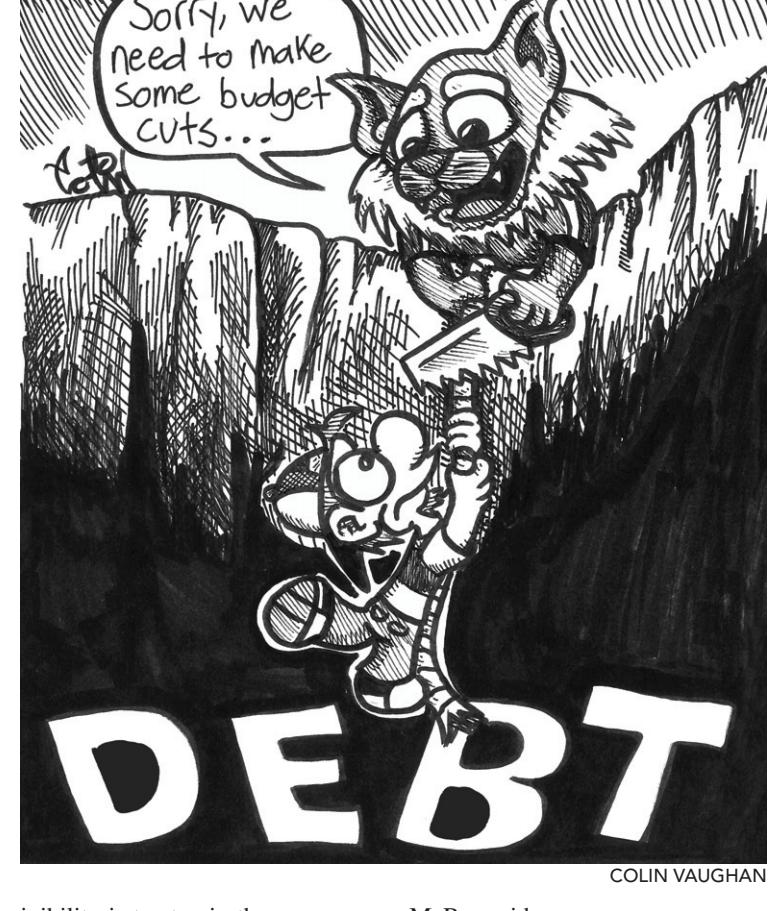
As the 2016 fiscal year begins, students may have to search elsewhere for financial aid as one particular program comes to an end.

2015 is the final year for the Perkins Loan program, a program that serves millions of the nation's low income college students. The program provides low interest loans at a maximum of \$5,550 a year to students unable to pay college tuition on their own and allows students several months to pay the loans back once they have graduated, according to the U.S. Department of Education's website.

According to the National Association of Student Aid Administrators in the 2015 National Student Aid Profile, \$1.2 billion in Perkins Loans were distributed to approximately 500,000 recipients in 2012 - 2013. The average award was \$2,014. Thirty-four percent of dependent recipients came from families with an income of less than \$30,000, and 74 percent of independent recipients had an income of less than \$20,000.

However, according to Northwest Financial Aid Director Charles Mayfield, students who have Perkins loans will still be covered by those loans for the next five years under set conditions.

"There was a grandfather provision, so if you're a student from a prior year who got Perkins and your program of study is still the same, it hasn't changed. You can get Perkins for five more years. The idea there was to allow students to finish their program," Mayfield said. "But let's say you were a biology major last year who got Perkins, but you changed your major to chemistry. You can't get Perkins anymore because your program has changed. The only way you can keep your el-



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igibility is to stay in the same program."

Mayfield continued to say that if a student transfers to a new school and keeps the same major, he or she will still be in a different program, and will no longer receive a Perkins Loan.

According to David McRae, Digital Strategist for Social Driverr based in Washington D.C., other programs were also in jeopardy of budget cuts.

"There were plans to slash the Pell Grant significantly, but since we have last heard, there are actually proposals to increase the maximum reward for Pell Grants,"

McRae said.

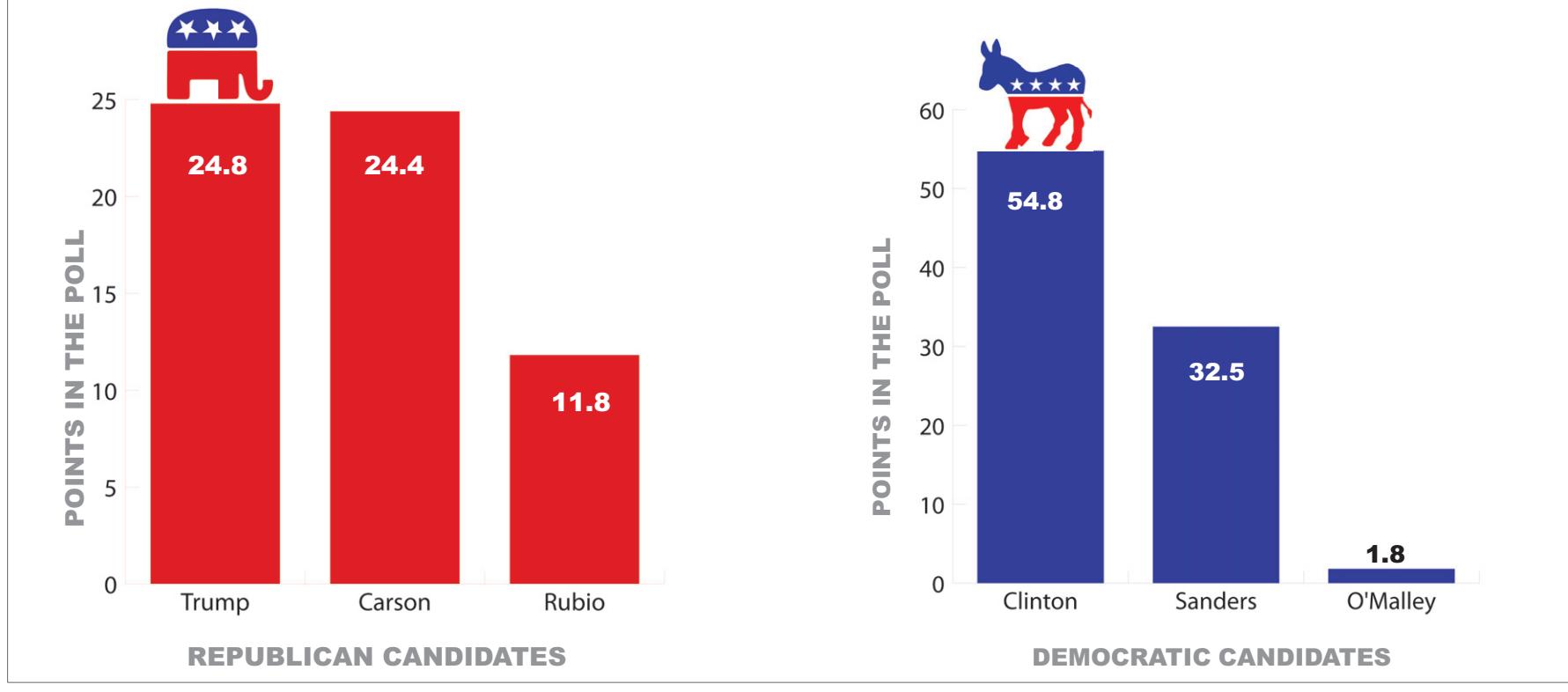
Mayfield said programs such as Pell Grants and Federal Work Study should remain stable.

"As far as we know, the goal is level funding for all of those programs. When the Higher Education Act is renewed, that allows Congress to get a big picture idea of student aid and what needs to be changed," Mayfield said.

McRae said the House Appropriations Committee should be finalizing the 2016 Federal Student Aid Budget soon.

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POLLS SINCE LAST DEBATES



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Young Democrats weigh in on latest debate

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The Democratic Party hosted its second debate for presidential candidates Saturday and the candidates were asked to touch on many subjects.

Former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and Former Gov. of Maryland Martin O'Malley were the three candidates selected to participate. The debate consisted of questions regarding Paris, ISIS and other foreign affairs, health care, minimum wage and tax reform, campaign finance and wall street reform, and gun control alongside the black lives matter campaign.

President of the Young Democrats Shane Steele said his initial reaction to the debate was that front-runner Clinton should no longer be in the lead.

"What Hillary Clinton needs to do, after watching that debate, is

drop out and tell everyone to sign off on the ticket of Sanders, O'Malley," Steele said. "I think those two are the future, and it's strange to say that about a nearly 80-year-old man, but they are the future, not Hillary."

Young Democrat Paige Moriarity agreed with Steele about the direction the Democratic party needs to go in.

"(Clinton) finds a way to be offended by nearly anything," Moriarity said. "I think Sanders is the best choice. O'Malley is a good choice too, but I think he is so far behind at this point that there is little hope."

With the debate coming just a day after the Paris attacks and in the midst of many domestic issues, no questions were withheld. Steele said this made the debate different than the last.

"What was enjoyable, even compared to the other (debate), was that it got down to the deeper points," Steele said. "They were discussing ways to fix the problems America is

facing. There wasn't a lot of baseless rhetoric. Even when the moderator kept trying to poke at Sanders to attack Clinton, he tried to do it dignifiedly, and I think he did a decent job, but at the same time, I think they were focusing more on how to solve problems."

While Moriarity said she thought Sanders made progress in trimming Clinton's lead, she was still troubled by the way he handled questions about Paris.

"I was concerned when they changed the topic of the debate to the Paris attacks," Moriarity said. "I was concerned that Bernie was so against talking about Paris. I think it said a lot about him not having a leadership type of a stance, but I think he still did really well."

Steele said he also had issues with Sander's handling of the Paris discussion. Sanders asserted that the largest problem facing the world is climate change, which is leading to the inability to clothe and feed

people, and therefore breeding terrorism. Steele said he agreed with Sander's point about climate control, but felt the timing of the point was wrong.

"I think he made a great point by stating that out, but, at the same time, I think he could have stated a little later in the debate about the terrorist attacks instead of the opening statement," Steele said. "It felt like it was more of a lip service kind of thing of saying, 'We are with these people,' instead of trying to make a statement right then and there. I thought it was kind of a political gaff."

While both Steele and Moriarity agree that Sanders is on the rise, RealClearPolitics.com still shows Clinton having a 21-point lead in the polls over Sanders with O'Malley dragging behind them both with only 2.8 percent of the polls. Moriarity said she thought this seemed accurate.

"I think Bernie, with every de-

bate, is getting closer and closer, but I don't think he is on (Clinton's) level yet as far as the popular vote," Moriarty said.

As the debates continue over the next year, Steele said it is important for students to learn as much as they can about the candidates by watching this debate and then going out and vote.

"I think we forget that, as young people, simply put, we have more time left on this planet than the people doing a majority of the voting," Steele said. "We need to realize that we need to take a vested interest. If we don't start making sure our voices are heard, we may not have a future to look forward to. If we keep on believing, 'Oh whatever, everything is just going to be the same,' it will stay the same... If you believe something is wrong with this place, you have the power to go out and do something about it and one of the best way to do that is to vote."

Bush calls for US ground forces to fight Islamic State

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CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) -- Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush on Wednesday called for the U.S. to send more troops to the Middle East to fight the Islamic State group.

"This is the war of our time," the former Florida governor said at the Citadel five days after Islamic State militants attacked Paris and killed at least 129 people.

"Radical Islamic terrorists have declared war on the Western world. Their aim is our total destruction. We can't withdraw from this threat, or negotiate with it. We have but one choice: to defeat it."

Bush had planned for weeks to deliver a speech about Pentagon and military purchasing reform at the prestigious South Carolina military college. But the horrific events in France Friday moved Bush, who has supported the potential deployment of troops in Iraq and Syria, to call for ground troops.

"The United States, in conjunction with our NATO allies and more Arab partners, will need to increase our presence on the ground," he added, calling air power insufficient.

He offered no specifics, but said the number of Americans sent to the region should be "in line with what our military generals recommend, not politicians."

The speech came as European

nations hunted for conspirators in the attack and amid a fierce political debate within the U.S. over whether to limit or halt the resettlement of refugees fleeing war-ravaged Syria. One of the Paris bombers was thought to have arrived in a wave of migrants surging toward the West, but a top German official later said the Syrian passport found at a Paris attack scene was likely a fake.

The Paris attack has put national security atop the conversation in the 2016 presidential race. Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton, a former senator and secretary of state, was expected on Thursday to deliver her own prescription for defeating ISIS and fighting jihadis.

Bush, the brother and son of presidents, has projected himself as a potential commander in chief able to handle such challenges. But his focus on national security has increased as his own campaign for the presidential nomination has struggled to gain traction, and especially since the Paris attacks.

"The brutal savagery is a reminder of what is at stake in this election," Bush said. "We are choosing the leader of the free world. And if these attacks remind us of anything, it's that we are living in serious times that require serious leadership."

It's no mystery why Bush made the speech in South Carolina. Many of the Republican primary voters in the early voting Southern primary state are retired and active-duty military.

Bush is not the only Republican presidential candidate who supports sending ground troops to fight the Islamic State. South Carolina's own senior Sen. Lindsey Graham has been an aggressive advocate. Ohio Gov. John Kasich has also suggested sending U.S. troops. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio was generally supportive of President Obama's decision to put 50 special operations troops in Syria, and has suggested the number ought to grow. However, he hasn't called for a larger scale

mobilization.

Bush has long faulted President Barack Obama's administration and Clinton for allowing wholesale federal spending cuts prompted by the 2013 budget reconciliation after Congress and the president were unable to craft more strategic cuts.

The cuts affected military and non-military spending alike, at a time when conflicts in Syria and Iraq "spiraled out of control," Bush said.

And while Bush has often referred to the Islamic State as an unconventional threat, his prescription for the military includes heavier spending on its conventional elements.

He called for doubling the U.S. Marine Corps' battle-ready strength to 186,000, and updating the U.S. nuclear weapons capacity.

Bush also proposed increasing production of next-generation stealth bombers, which can cost roughly \$150 million apiece. Bush did not suggest a way to pay for the buildup.

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It's On Us forum continues sexual assault discussion

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An email sent by President John Jasinski addressing recent social media threats demonstrated the importance the campus places on such events.

"Social justice awareness and the plan to build an equitable university benefits everyone," Jasinski said. "What is happening around us is not a threat to anyone, but an opportunity to build a stronger community – one that upholds love, respect, courtesy, character and responsibility and denounces fear, ignorance and hate. Ladies and gentlemen, this is about love. And being real. And addressing systemic issues. And focusing on bettering the human condition. And acting."

Although this email was sent out to students after race issues arose, it also addressed the need for a campus-wide discussion about sexual assault.

One of the ways Northwest has decided to counter sexual assault is by talking about the issues. A sexual assault forum was held Nov. 10 in the boardroom.

Thirty people attended and covered tough topics such as the amount of sexual assault in the nation, the connection sexual assault has to Greek Life and reactions to sexual assault, whether positive, negative or not taken seriously at all.

Junior Lexi Pardee, a member of student senate, organized the event.

"We decided to put on the sexual assault forum to gain feedback from students about concerns, experiences, trends, etc. that they witness or may know about involving sexual assault on campus," Pardee said.

The forum was originally planned a month ago to support the It's On Us campaign, but with recent events on campus, Pardee was con-

vinced that the forum was the best decision for the campus.

"Often times, people avoid speaking about the issue altogether and this forum presented an avenue for students to do so in a safe environment," Pardee said.

Freshman Alyssa Lincoln is also a member or student senate whom attended the event.

"Every single argument of sexual assault was represented at the forum," Lincoln said. "We had people on all spectrums talking about all sorts of solutions, all sorts of problems. Everyone was working together to find out what we, as a community, need to do."

Lincoln believes the forum was successful because the conversation was encouraged. Lincoln recalls the moderator only had to ask three questions the entire forum.

Freshman Allison Roots was in attendance at the forum.

"I have witnessed, in the aftermath of sexual violence, slut shaming and victim blaming," Roots said. "On social media sites, after the incident that happened at TKE, people were saying 'oh, she was just drunk' or 'she isn't reporting it right because she doesn't remember it.' They aren't focusing on the problem itself, they are focusing on the victim."

The consensus among students is clear: something needs to be done to address the issue of sexual violence. The conversations about hard topics must continue to reach a conclusion.

"This needs to go further than the amount of people that were at the event," sophomore Brady Reed said. "My hope is more people decide to get involved and speak up during these events and also stand up for those in need in social situations on and off campus."



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Student Senate and the University hosted the It's On Us forum in response to recent events on campus.

Thefts lead to increase in security for Student Senate

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The student senate approved a variety of proposals in the meeting Tuesday, Nov. 17.

With people stealing and damaging property in the Student Center, with cost of damages estimated to be over \$800, the senate quickly approved new locks for the center, at the cost of \$1,400 to prevent future theft and damaged property. The new locks will only be opened by the fob keys, similar to ones at Hudson and Perrin, assigned to the very few approved senate members.

"Over the past few years, PR materials and A frames have been tak-

en or damaged. One A frame alone is around \$100 to \$150. We had several things stolen including awards and prizes for events. I greatly approve of the new fobs for the locks since it is a one time purchase rather than paying every so often. Since the fobs are only handed out to certain people there will be less thefts and if there are then we will know who it is." Student Senate President Hugh Slaton said.

President of the Minority Men's Organization Shawn Dixon said these security measures were needed.

"I think it's a great idea. It adds a sense of security for the people and a sense of responsibility to the senate

for approving it," Dixon said.

Student senate also approved updates to its by-laws. The biggest change in the by-laws was that for organizations to be recognized, they must have a hearing rather than a senator's approval. Another update to the by-laws was for student senate members to be active in the senate, they must have a 2.5 GPA while associates require a 2.0 GPA.

The student senate was also proud to announce the success of the Bowling Retreat and the It's On Us forum. It's On Us was a campaign to help promote awareness of sexual violence and help stop it.

Students senate also organized an event for students to understand

the prison life at the Inside Prison Walls. Inside Prison Walls is a discussion that will feature a panel of experts, each bringing a different perspective on prison and correctional services. The panel includes the warden of the Maryville Treatment Center, a former correctional officer in the Western Reception Diagnostic Correctional Center, and the Senior Correctional Programs Specialist in the North Central Regional Office. Assistant Professor of Political Science Kim Casey, Ph.D., will moderate.

Bridge Collegiate Ministry was approved for \$500 in its plans of starting a charity project. The plan is to raise enough money to purchase

new books, classrooms, and entirely new rooms for the House of Hope. All donations are in support for the people of Haiti.

A topic discussed was the upcoming Fish Fry event. The Fish Fry will be held Dec. 4 at Hy-Vee where, for \$10, people can enjoy a variety of seafood offered.

Other acknowledgements include the student senate budget topping \$17,000, Alpha Pi Alpha's approval for \$600 for districts next semester, hosting an Alcohol Awareness T-Shirt Design Contest, and the Archery Battle Tag. The Archery Battle Tag is a game of tag with a "The Hunger Games" twist.

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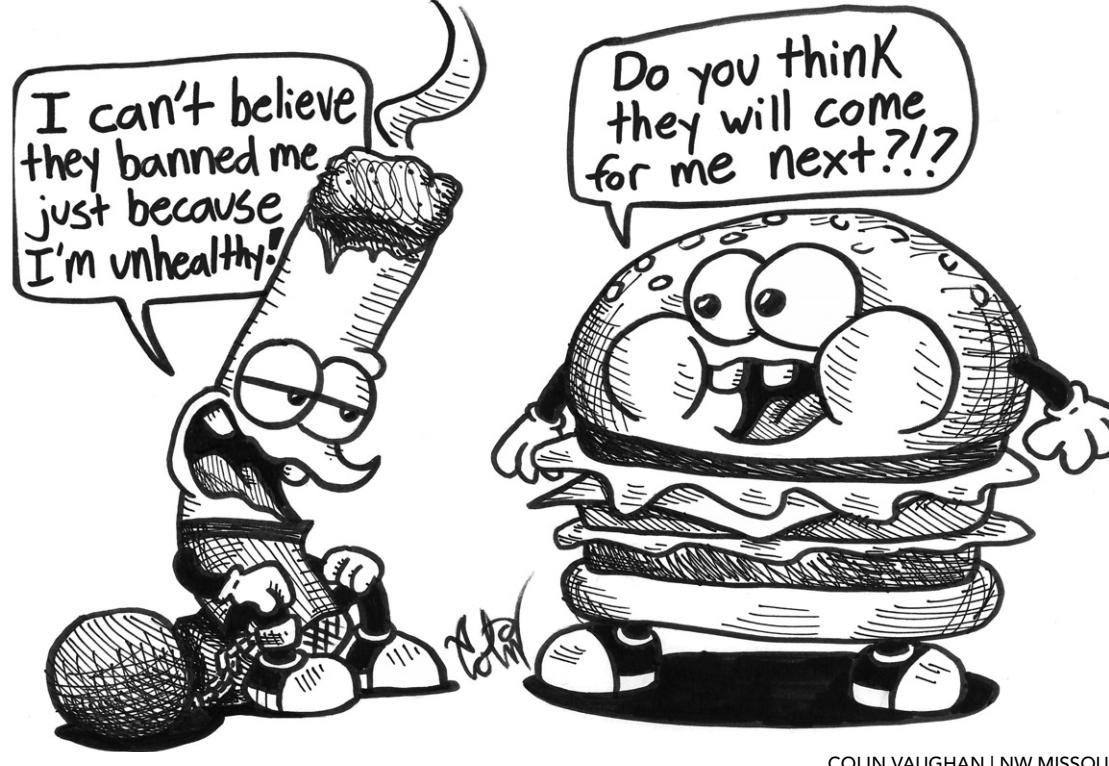
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OUR VIEW:

End of Perkins Loan creates financial uncertainty among students

Changes can be expected in student aid for this coming year and these changes could damage a lot of students' chances at returning to school.

The Perkins loan is for low income students that provides up to \$5,550.

This will be gone next year and will leave a lot of students without help, wondering how they will pay off their tuition.

The only positive outlook on the ending of the Perkins loan is the grandfather clause. The grandfather

clause that states that students can continue receiving funding from the loan for the next five years if they do not change their program. So students could not change their major or transfer schools.

That seems simple, but a lot of students will change their mind as they are pursuing their education and may decide they do not want to do what they originally intended.

Many students may also decide after a year or two that they are not pleased with the place they have chosen for college.

You never really know until you have experienced life there.

And what would happen if the University suddenly drops your major?

You then have to either transfer or choose another major which will then make you ineligible to continue receiving the Perkins Loan. This is a major flaw in this system and has potential to destroy a lot of students' ability to come back and attend classes.

We, as students, have enough problems attempting to pay off our

tuition, debt and loans. Taking away one of the loans that helps a lot of students who desperately need the help would put them in an even worse situation.

The Perkins Loan is meant to help low income students.

Nationwide approximately 500,000 students depend on this loan.

According to the article on A1, 34 percent of dependent recipients came from families with an income of less than \$30,000, and 74 percent of independent recipients

had an income of less than \$20,000. This is not the one to cut. We already know the students are having problems with money if they receive that loan. Why cut a loan that specifically helps these already struggling students?

It is a good thing that there is a grandfather clause in place, however not all students can promise they will stay in the same university with the same major. We need a better conditions for continuing funding of this loan, or we need to find a way to get this loan restored.

The conservative side of the fence



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This past weekend was the second Democratic debate held at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. After finally recovering from the agony of the first debate, I somehow put myself together to watch the recent debate.

First off, why is O'Malley wasting his time? Everyone knows it's the Clinton and Sanders showdown. Forbes made a ranking of how much each candidate from both parties are worth. O'Malley was ranked 20th out of the presidential candidates with zero compared to Clinton who is worth more than \$30 million. Beside the point, each candidate was given a chance to speak on a topic.

What stood out to me in this debate was how the candidates talked about radical Islam in the wakes of the Paris attacks the night before the debate. Hillary Clinton said, "I don't think we're at war with Islam. I don't think we're at war with all Muslims," Clinton said. "We are not at war with Islam or Muslims, we are at war with violent extremism."

Mrs. Clinton, you do understand ISIS stands for "Islamic State of Iraq

& Syria" right? ISIS is responsible for the recent attacks, beheading of American reporters and we have been at war with Iraq since 2003. How can you not say we aren't at war with them? They have threatened our country and will soon take action.

Yes, not all Muslims are evil. Only ten percent of Muslims believe in Jihad. This now brings on the issue of President Obama wanting 200,000 Syrian refugees in our country. Sanders agrees saying, "the US should play our role in people fleeing from war."

Alright Sanders, did you not pay attention to the attacks and why they were fueled? Syrians are fleeing their country, heading to Western Civilizations like France. One of the suicide bombers yelled "For Syria!" before the explosion in the theater of hostages. If we were to have these 200,000 refugees, our country will be even more at risk for terroristic threats.

I'm from St. Louis, one of the cities wanting refugees, we have a nuclear plant near our city, do we want the possibility of a nuclear attack that could wipe out this country? Some of these people have been trained since they were born to hate our country. Also, where are we going to get the money to pay for the refugees? Our national debt is \$18 trillion dollars in debt. We can't afford

people in our own country! We have homeless vets who fought for our country living on the streets, who are natural born citizens of this nation. Our American citizens should get priority of our government's so called benefits.

Last but not least, the free college tuition phenomenon. "Of course we can afford it, I'm going to make the wealthy pay for it!" said Clinton. Alright you may think I'm crazy for not wanting free college right?

Here's why: free college is not free. We would have a ridiculous tax inflation, just look at what happened with Greece. They had the same ideas of free school, free health care and the idiotic idea of \$15 an hour of flipping a burger. Now the country is facing serious bankruptcy. You can tax the top one percent in this country, 100 percent and we still couldn't afford it.

In order for something to be free, it is taken away from someone else. College is a privilege not a right. The value of education wouldn't matter. So what I'm saying after this debate to my generation: Wake up. Is this who you want to run your country? You are not entitled to everything. You must work hard like our parents and grandparents to keep this country going. Educate yourself on the issues and what is at stake. We are the future of this nation and it's time to make a difference.

Letter to the editor

In the space of one week, I have learned two things. Affecting money is one way to get a point across and negative rhetoric from both sides does not offer a conclusive center. As a college student, I have witnessed civil unrest, over 80+ school shootings since 2012, and a society that is shell shocked. As we post on social media about the lack of coverage or concern displayed by those in authority, our shouts and demands for attention are pushed aside. The toxic culture of social networking is the only place where many of my generation find out what's happening, and it frightens me to think that the place that has no obligation to the absolute truth or objectivity is our modern Walter Cronkite.

To say that I may be blowing things out of proportion would be to deny what is happening around you. The answer to dealing with hate, bias and tension in the past was to find a common medium and talk out our problems. Today, the common medium is that we are all angry, scared or both. Famous author Aldous Huxley said "Love

casts out fear; but conversely fear casts out love. And not only love. Fear also casts out intelligence, casts out goodness, and casts out all thought of beauty and truth." Today, Huxley's quotation has reared its ugly head and we are oblivious to the fact.

I am not sure what lies ahead 10 years from now, or even five, but eventually we will pay for the mistakes that have been made. Since I entered college, all I have seen around me is different groups refusing to concede their points, and pointing fingers at each other. We have let our problems and prejudices fester, and done little to fix the situation. However, in all of our failings, our saving grace is our innate optimism. To give up hope is not within my nature, nor is it in yours. Our dreams and goals are what push us forward through the storm of negativity and hatred. I just wish that we didn't see one person's dream fulfillment as a threat to our dream.

Sincerely,

Ve'Shawn Dixon

Black Lives Matter campaign misused due to overexaggeration



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The Nov. 13 attacks on Paris left many people surprised, shocked and scared. But amidst all the terror, several people felt no sympathy for the situation or the people involved and actually felt as if the spotlight had been wrongly taken from them.

There was a hashtag trending for a while that said the French deserved the attack because they enslaved African Americans. This hashtag trended because Black Lives Matter activists were upset over the spotlight being stolen from them.

Here is the thing, all lives mat-

ter. It makes no difference at all if you are black, white, hispanic, French or a cop.

There is a major problem with the Black Lives Matter campaign. It implies that other lives do not matter as much as theirs, just because others have not experienced the problems or oppression that some black individuals have. Some people are taking this campaign and making it into only their life and race matters. Some are using it properly and raising awareness for the huge issues of America. But everyone has seen or experienced some form of racism.

A lot of times, we see racism against all forms of people depending on where they are or where they come from. Reverse racism is also prevalent in our society. It exists and we just ignore it and pass it off as comedy. If you really think about

it, there would be a lot of uproar if there was a White Entertainment Network, or a movie titled "Dear Black People." These do not equate to all the issues blacks have to face, but the same thought goes. If there was a White Lives Matter campaign because of the white people wrongly convicted, we would see backlash.

Every person will probably see or be affected by racism, and some people will be affected more than others, but we all see it and that is something we need to realize. There can be sympathy for more than one group at a time. We can mourn the tragic events that unfolded in Paris while still remembering the struggles blacks have faced and continue to face.

I feel the need to continue to express this, I agree with the fact that black lives matter, but it has been

taken and used in ways it does not belong. It has been used to show support for bombings in Paris. This is the reason I have problems with the campaign.

I can not emphasize enough how every single life matters. In the end, we are all human and no one person deserves anything worse than another just because of a different nationality or a slight change in the pigment of your skin.

On our campus, the racism is not directed towards any specific group of people. Students on campus, students at Mizzou and African Americans everywhere supporting the Black Lives Matter campaign need to understand they are not the only ones facing problems. The world is a bad place and bad things happen to everyone. That is life. Sometimes you won't get things just because

you ask for it, sometimes things do not go your way and sometimes people take the spotlight from you. You have to learn to grow up and accept this as a fact of life.

Every life matters. No matter what kind of life it is, every single life matters. We come from different walks of life with different backgrounds and different ethnicities. We all have struggles in life and we are all human.

Black Lives Matter is a joke. Of course black lives matter. If you are living, your life matters. There is no reason to start a campaign to spread awareness, at this point it does more harm than good. People should all be treated equally, no need to focus on only one group. Black lives do matter, but so does every life. We are all human, all our lives matter.

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"Legislation should be taking place by Nov. 20. There are parts of the student aid package that have been saved, but there are still some that are not receiving funding, such as perkins loans, and those loans are extremely important," McRae said.

However, Mayfield said if the Appropriations Committee cannot reach a unified conclusion about the budget, it will pass what is called a continuing resolution.

"Last year, it went through the entire year without a budget. It kept passing what is called continuing resolutions," Mayfield said. "Continuing resolution basically means

'we are going to keep our current funding through a certain date, because we don't have a budget, and if we don't continue funding then there is no funding.' It affects predictability but it doesn't affect cash flow."

"Students will get their money, aid will still be processed. We know we have money for this two month period, and probably the next two months, but if the federal government shuts down, then we have no money," McRae said.

McRae said he has been working on a campaign for the past two years called Save Student Aid to combat proposals such as the ending of Perkins Loans and other potential budget cuts.

The second threat, posted Nov. 10, said, "I'm gonna shoot any black people tomorrow, so be ready."

After the first threat was posted, Green said there was no emergency notification sent out because the threats were not seen as an immediate danger to campus. However, after seeing the behavior repeated, an emergency notification was sent following the second threat.

Freshman Mason Goldhorn said he could not believe his friend was behind the threats and that this is out of character for Stottlemire.

"We met on move-in day and we kind of just met and talked a little and hung out after that," Goldhorn said. "I would have never thought of him doing something like this and I didn't know it was him, but I think it was honestly just something he thought would be funny, but as he found out, it was a stupid mistake."

said. "If students come to me saying they want this then yeah, we will do it. But, if I say we are doing this, it is like I am imposing my will on how they should handle this... That is what happened with Nepal. The Nepalese students came to us and said, 'Hey we want to do this,' and we were all in. We did it fast and quick and it was big and successful because it was student lead and that's why it worked. If I have to twist the arms of French students to go do something at the French flag it won't work the same way."

Jacquet said there has been an outpour of support from students and faculty and that she believes that is the best thing people can do for those from France.

"A lot (of support)," Jacquet said. "Some professors sent me emails to see if I was okay and ask about my family. And the international student affairs office was very helpful and they actually wanted all the French people to come in because people were asking about how we were. The French flag had all the flowers and candles around it and that's so nice."

Full story at nwmissourinews.com

Blotters for the week of Oct. 2**Maryville Department of Public Safety****Oct. 19**

A Fire Report has been issued for Vegetation Fire at 500 block of East 4th Street.

Nov. 1

A summons has been issued to **Thuy D.T. Nguyen** for Driving while Intoxicated, Minor in Possession, and making an Illegal U Turn at 1400 block of North College Drive.

Nov. 5

A summons has been issued to **Kerra E. Ballard** for the charges of No Valid Driver's License and Equipment Violation at West 1st Street and Country Club Road.

Nov. 6

A summons has been issued to **Cassidy R. Strickland** for Larceny at 1600 block of South Main.

A summons has been issued to **Chole M. Dailey** for Minor in Possession at 1500 block of North Main.

There is an ongoing investigation for Lost/Stolen Property at 200 block of East 3rd Street.

Nov. 7

A summons has been issued to **Shane E. Black** for Disorderly Conduct and Using Profane Language in Public at 300 block of East 1st Street.

A summons has been issued to **Tyler J. Milbourn** for Failure to Register a Motor Vehicle and Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility at 1600 block of South Main.

Nov. 8

A summons has been issued to **Tasheena D. Marriot** for Driving while Intoxicated and Failure to Maintain Right Half of Roadway at 700 Block of North Depot.

Nov. 9

A summons has been issued to **Raphique M. Wilson** for Driving while Suspended and Failure to Register a Motor Vehicle at 700 block of North Country Club.

There is an ongoing investigation for Larceny at 200 block of South Buchanan.

A summons has been issued to **Rourke P. Penn** for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Another's Driver's License at 200 block of Park Avenue.

Nov. 11

There have been four Drug Law Violations at Dieterich Hall.

Nov. 13

There has been a Drug Law Violation at Lot 42.

There is an open case on Stealing in Franken Hall.

Nov. 10

There is an ongoing investigation for Robbery at 600 block of South Main.

A summons has been issued to **Alex E. Houk** for Larceny at 1600 block of South Main.

A summons has been issued to **Hayley A. Munoz** for Driving while Suspended and Failure to Obey a Posted Stop Sign at 200 block of West 4th Street.

Nov. 11

A summons has been issued to **Joseph D. McGinnis** for Minor in Possession and Possession of an Altered Driver's License at 300 block of North Market.

Nov. 12

There was a Fire Report of Applianc Fire at 22000 block of State Highway 46.

Nov. 13

Property has been recovered of a Bicycle at 600 block of West Cooper.

Nov. 14

A summons has been issued to **James P. Kelly** for Driving while Intoxicated, Failure to Maintain Right Half of Roadway, and Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility at U.S. Highway 71 and U.S. Highway 136.

Nov. 15

There has been a Liquor Law Violation at Dieterich Hall.

There has been a Liquor Law Violation at Roberta Hall.

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Nov. 9

There has been a Liquor Law Violation at Perrin Hall.

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University Police Chief Clarence said there were no weapons found in Stottlemire's residence on campus.

"He did not have any weapons in his room, but that does not mean he isn't a threat. That doesn't mean he didn't have access he just didn't have any in his room," Clarence said.

University police received reports of two threats on social media claiming to shoot students on campus. They received the first report Nov. 5 and the second report Nov. 10.

The first threat posted Nov. 5 said, "I love evil, I just want to shoot up H&P. They're bullies, especially in Hudson," followed by a comment that said, "I'm going to once I get enough money to buy a gun."

TRAGEDIES

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While Jacquet and the rest of the world watched the events unfold on television, six Northwest students went to the Flag Plaza. They gathered around the French flag and adorned the base with candles and a red, a white and a blue flower.

Junior Korbin Jones was one of the first three out to the flag pole.

"(The vigil) was very solemn," Jones said. "I don't think any of us really knew how to react or feel since we weren't directly affected. We wanted to show our support though."

Jones has worked in the international affairs office for two years and over that time he said he developed a connection with the students, French students included. This connection is what compelled his group to hold the vigil.

As far as holding another, more public, candlelight vigil, Director of International Affairs Jeffrey Foot, Ph.D., said it was up to the students to ask for that to happen.

"None of the French students have approached me saying that they want to do something," Foot

PROBLEM

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In the response to the recent events, the push from Student Regent, and many other students, led to having two different forums to talk about social justice within the community.

The first forum was held Friday, Nov. 13 where different members of the student body led a discussion about what they can do to help fix this situation. Senior Taylor Hill-Zweifel and Junior Nicholas Van Ross were the moderators for the student-led forum. They said they were pleased with what happened during the forum.

"It gives you a different perspective on each individual's opinion. To be able to see other people's opinions is important to help us learn from each other," Hill-Zweifel said.

One of the key topics that was discussed at the event was looking through a lens of racial profile. Van Ross said he believes this topic will not be solved in the near future.

"I think until true equality is reached, then you have to look through a lens because equality means you have the same foothold. That's not the world we live in. In order to make it up to people, you have to acknowledge the differences," Van Ross said.

The topic of race is not just something that can be solved with one discussion.

"(The discussion of race is) crucial. I think looking at every aspect, our university, our community, our state, our country, I think the conversation on race, diversity and inclusion is crucial to the long term success of campus, community, state and country," Baker said.

University President John Jasinski, along with the individuals that led the first forum, put on an even bigger forum Monday, Nov. 16. Jasinski was the moderator for the forum, which, for student senate President Hugh Slaton, was a confidence boost.

"The fact that the panel is made up of students and faculty, and Dr. J, President of the University, mod-

erated it and fully backed the event that Shawn Dixon put on, is a huge 'Hey, we are here to support you. We like what you are saying, we are here to make some changes,'" Slaton said.

For Jasinski, all of these talks and opinions about race will lead to discussions about change.

"We start (the discussion) immediately. We have an after action review where we are going to discuss what went right, what went wrong and what follow up do we have," Jasinski said. "We can commit to look at every single suggestion on how we should move forward and say which ones are the most meaningful and impactful."

One of these suggestions was to have five new policy changes to help resolve the situation. These changes include mandatory racial education for freshmen and transfer students, racial sensitivity training in seminar classes, Title VI training, general education requirement in racial training and every student in any organization taking trainings every year.

Title VI prohibits discrimination based on one person's race, color and national origin in programs and other activities receiving federal financial assistance.

"Constant education shouldn't just end freshman year, it should be continue throughout the whole Northwest experience," Hill-Zweifel said.

During the forums, people can talk about different ways to get people to change and discuss their own opinions, but it may not lead to an answer.

"This isn't the answer. The forum is not the answer, it is a starting point of a long, important overhaul that Northwest is trying to get ahead of," Slaton said.

But many students may have issues with this part of the conversation.

"One of the things that people kept hearing is people need to engage in the awkward conversation because we don't need to be the bystander, we have to be the voice. Once you've stepped up and embraced the awkwardness, you will realize that it's better that you spoke because you likely prevented someone from doing something in

the future," Slaton said.

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Professors may teach this education, but someone has to get these courses into the system.

"Change starts with us. The next step starts with us. I assume that there are going to be several more forums in the future," Slaton said,

Unfortunately, no one knows when or even if this issue will ever be resolved, but Jasinski, Ph.D., said he and the administration are motivated to charge ahead into the solution.

"I think Northwest and all the people that are associated with it should be very proud that the students put together a very, very meaningful event focused on civil discourse. I think it is a role model for other institutions to say this is how we can move the ball forward," Jasinski said.

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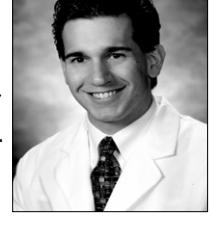
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The Hunger Games: Mockingjay part 2 releases in theaters this Friday. This is the last installment in the Hunger Games movie franchise.

The most recent James Bond movie, Spectre, total gross since its release last week is about \$130 million.



The Republican GOP debate occurred Tuesday Nov. 10. Issues discussed include raising the minimum wage, decreasing income taxes, foreign threats and immigration reforms.



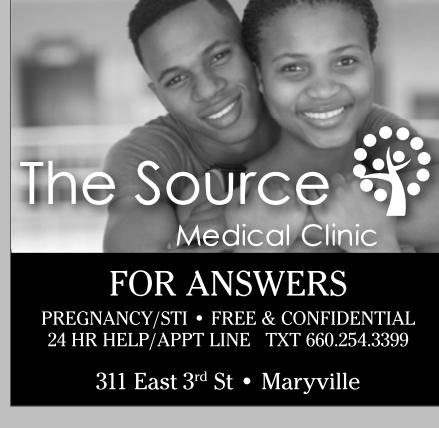
Adele's new album will be released Tuesday, Nov. 20, four years after the release of her previous album 21.



In Apple's most recent quarter, the company brought in \$11.1 billion in earnings on \$51.5 billion in revenues, beating Wall Street projections.

Apple sold 48 million iPhones in its last quarter, however, iPad sales dropped.

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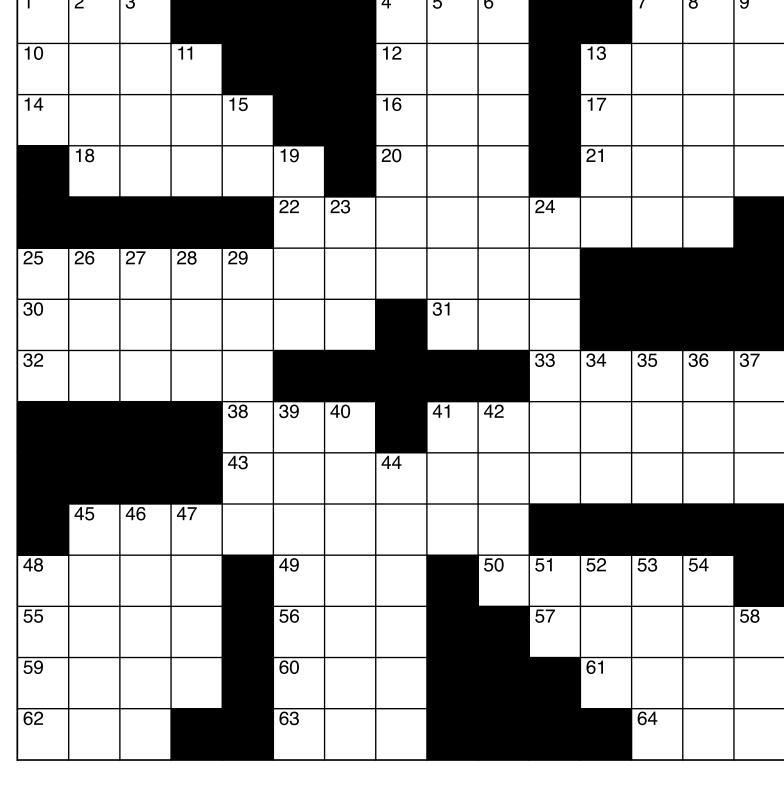
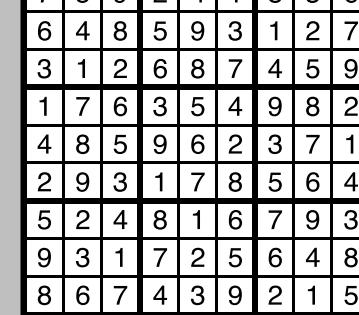
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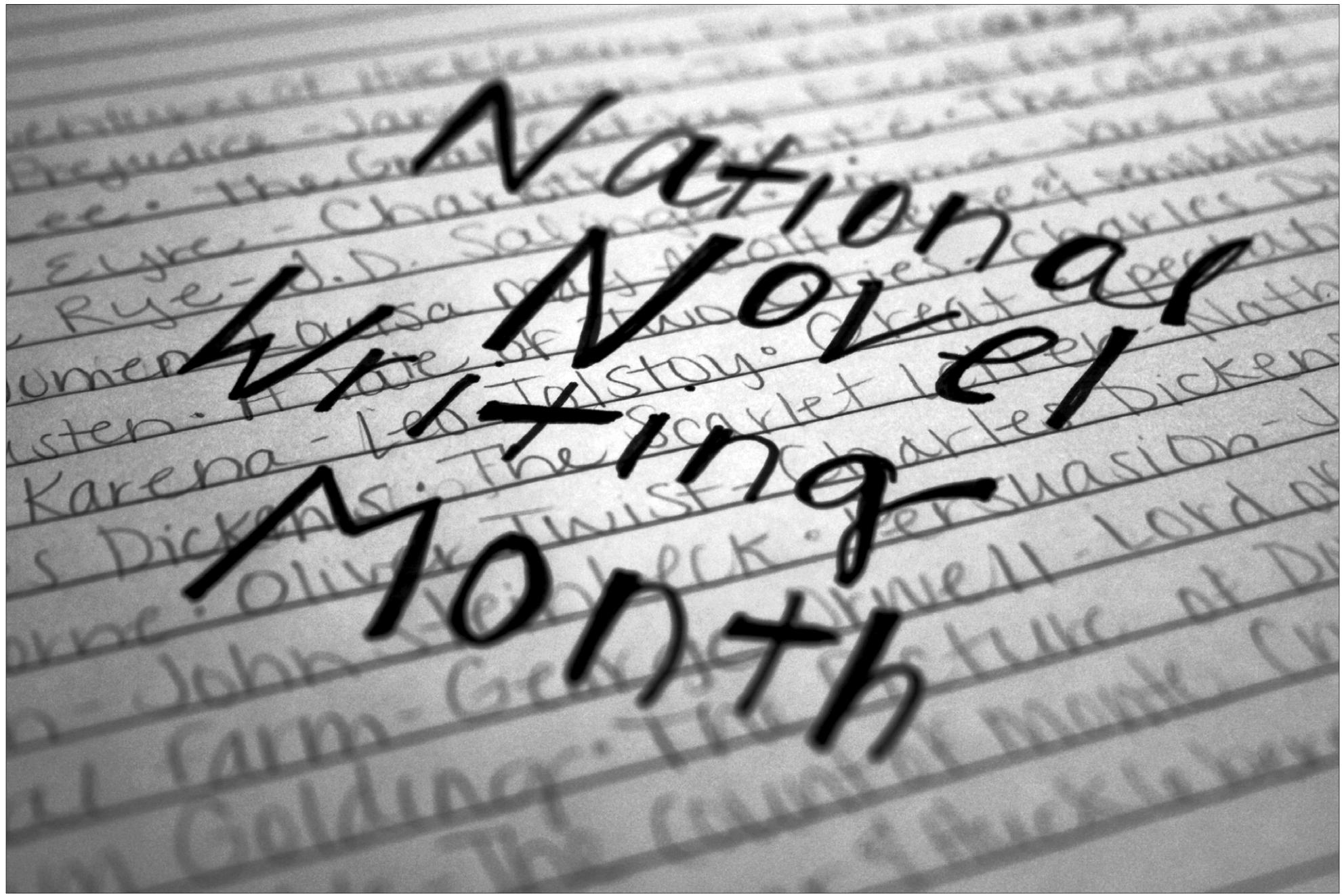
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- 17. Oh, God!
- 18. Designed chairs
- 20. Insect living in organized colonies
- 21. Anglo-Saxon theologian, c.700
- 22. Ecclesiastics
- 25. Magic incantation
- 30. Swan Lake and Don Quixote
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- 32. Conspiracy
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- 70. Bring back to normal
- 71. Worldwide internet
- 72. 7th Greek letter
- 73. When born (abbr.)
- 74. Before
- 75. Existing forever
- 76. About name
- 77. Myanmar monetary unit
- 78. Island north of Guam
- 79. Soft
- 80. __ Castell, makers of pens
- 81. Excessively fat
- 82. Eliminates
- 83. A Hindu prince or king in India
- 84. Carrier's invention
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- 86. Deserve through action
- 87. Doyen
- 88. A way to change color

**SOLUTIONS**
Nov. 12



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Students participate in novel activities

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November man

(NaNoWriMo). It is a time where writers buckle down to write 50,000 words within a 30-day time span. This is about 1,700 words a day, which is a large time commitment that many college students cannot even fathom completing with everything else on their plates as the semester nears a close.

“The only reason I’m not participating is because I’m

The only reason I'm not participating is because I'm so busy with all of the other things that I'm doing," said senior English major Kaylie Sorensen. "I haven't (participated) in this challenge either. I honestly hadn't even heard of it until this year, shamefully. I'd love to work on it in the future when I have more downtime."

Senior Alexis Daley has had the opportunity to partic-

"I participated in NaNoWriMo a few years ago and finished my novel within the month long time constraint.

"I participated in NaNoWrimo a few years ago and finished a very short historical fiction. Since schoolwork has taken over every ounce of (my) spare time in recent years, I have not been able to fully participate in it, but I plan to in the future to generate more storylines," Daley said.

Obviously, this feat is not an easy one and comes with

Obviously, this feat is not an easy one and comes with stress and the occasional lapse in strength.

"To complete something in as little as a month, the author has to commit to writing pretty much every day, and sometimes that is hard. Life takes over, but dedication is what makes you sit down and just write, even if it isn't good. That's what this month is about though: writing for the sake of writing, no matter the quality." Doherty adds,

Even for seasoned writers, writing a novel without a time constraint is a difficult task. Sorensen has been writing since she was around the age of twelve and studies writing as her minor and admits to the difficulties.

"Oh, it's so hard. Especially because, personally, I haven't written anything super extensive. The most I've been able to get down that I didn't immediately throw away was about maybe 19 pages. Then I threw it away because I didn't like it that much," Sorensen said.

Junior Melody Grooms also expresses her difficulties with writing a piece of work as extensive as a novel.

"I think the most difficult aspect of attempting a novel, even a short one of 100-150 pages, in just one month is

exactly that: you have one month,” Grooms said. “There is so much that goes into a good piece of literature, no matter the length, but a novel takes so much more time ... Depending on the genre, it may require the author to develop rules and laws for another reality. And, of course, the arrival of the dreaded writer’s block.”

However, it is not an impossible task to complete. According to the official website, there are participants all over the world from Iceland to Japan. So, more than likely, you're not the only one struggling.

However, for the lucky writers that do accomplish this

However, for the lucky writers that do accomplish this, their work is far from done. It's one thing to write 50,000 words coherently into a story, but preparing it for the readers is another task entirely.

"Personally, I've found that when it comes to revising,

“Personally, I’ve found that when it comes to revising, it’s best to wait. The longer the literature, the more time and space you should allow. I have thrown out entire pieces, long pieces, because I was too close to them and too frustrated to see their value at the time, and later regretted it,” Grooms said.

Many writers go on to publish their works, whether it’s

Many writers go on to publish their works, whether it's a product of NaNoWriMo or not. Daley has experience in the publishing business through her internship with The Laurel Review, a publication produced by the University English Department.

“When it comes to publishing, it is a scary process, and you’re going to get rejected by publishing houses, by literary agents, by readers, but you can’t please everyone. If you truly believe in your work and your story, stick to your principles because someone will see it as you do,” said Daley. “You have to grow a thick skin in the publishing world, and you need to learn to filter the constructive criticisms from the preference criticisms.”

With all these difficulties, it's hard for a non-writer to see the appeal, however, writing is a passion. "For me, I have to constantly remind myself that my

"For me, I have to constantly remind myself that my goal in writing is not necessarily a physical goal. I'm not looking to be the next Stephen King, John Green, Sarah Dessen, Stephanie Meyer... You get the point. I'm writing for me, and no one else. Writing, at least in the creative sense, is more about self-expression than anything, as far as I'm concerned," Grooms said.

For those of you currently participating in NaNoWri-Mo or enjoy writing in general, Sorensen offers some advice: "Just keep going."



The Christmas wars are coming to town

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As the year progresses, Starbucks cups begin to fill the trash cans to the brim. Coffee is a college essential for late nights at the library and early tests.

However, due to recent controversy, Starbucks may no longer be certain students' first choice for a caffeine kick.

Every winter Starbucks designs a new cup. In years past there have been snowflakes, snowmen and ornaments on the cups. This year, the cup is solid red with an ombre design that is bright red at the top before sinking into a very dark red at the bottom.

Although this may seem trivial to a vast majority of people, a group of individuals believes having a solid red cup without a design, the company is trying to dissociate itself with Christmas.

Senior Luke Piper believes that the media may have taken the controversy too far.

"Like many other cases on social media, I think the issue is blown way out of proportion," Piper said. "I don't really have an opinion on the cup, I just think it's ridiculous that people are actually having an argument about it."

The controversy began when Joshua Feuerstein, a Christian evan-

gelist, created a video stating that Starbucks was trying to take the "Christ" out of Christmas and that is why the cups are a solid red. He then encouraged other Christians to go into Starbucks, buy coffee and say their name was "Merry Christmas" so the barista would be forced to wish them a "Merry Christmas" when their coffee was ready.

Feuerstein received strong backlash from other Christians who rushed to defend Starbucks. He created a second video stating that these Christians were hypocritical for defending a company that supported Planned Parenthood and held other values that stood against Christian beliefs. Feuerstein later removed this video, but not before it was saved and posted to a website by a viewer.

Sophomores Sophie Venus and Loren Puche are baristas at the Starbucks in the library on campus. Both students are frustrated with how big the controversy has become.

"I think it's dumb," Venus said. "I dislike the cup for other reasons. It's pink and boring."

Venus does admit that a student has yet to ask for his or her name to be "Merry Christmas" on a cup.

"I think it is pointless to argue about a red cup," Puche said. "Starbucks is not a religious based company, it is based on coffee and tea... I think they are trying to say that this



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Starbucks' new red cups are causing controversy over social media during the holiday season.

is a plain cup and they are supporting all religions and equality."

Puche believes that people should focus attention on other topics.

"We should be talking about world hunger, or children in foster care, or something along those lines.

We have a lot more to argue about than a plain red cup," Puche said.

Whether students believe Starbucks is trying to dechristianize or not, many still believe that a peppermint mocha is exactly what they need to get their day going.

Erin McGuire tweeted about the controversy, "Children are starving. Girls in developing countries are exposed to FGM (female genital mutilation). Veterans are homeless. There is no cure for cancer. #itsjustacup."

THE STROLLER:

Your Woman wants you to be thankful

Ew, I know right? All the mushiness of the holiday season is hitting us full force and there is no way to dodge the Christmas carols or red cup controversies.

Alas, Thanksgiving is next week and with it comes the ridiculously long lines at almost every retail shop in America. Buying groceries just got that much more difficult.

It's a classic paradox of spending the day being thankful for everything that we have (despite the contradicting historical context) and then going out to buy more stuff. The insani-

ty begins earlier every year with Black Friday sales starting at 6 p.m. in stores like Wal-mart and Target.

What drove us to this? Consumerism and material happiness has replaced real feelings. Yes, real feelings. Remember that feeling you get when you donate to an organization or help a friend out just because you love them? That kind of feeling. Sure, a shiny pair of \$300 headphones is cool, but really? The beat can only drop so much before it becomes the same monotonous noise.

Now, don't get me wrong, Christmas gifts are awesome, but don't become so blinded by material gain that you become upset when your little brother has one more gift than you.

Artistic liberties allow me to take a step on the soap box and shout as loud as I can that we need to donate before accumulating more stuff. If you ask for clothes for Christmas, donate the ones you don't wear anymore. Donate canned goods for those who can't have the extravagant Thanksgiving or Christmas feast with who hash and roast beast.

I speak to you, so called "poor college student" that attends a university with a tuition of a significant amount, to donate what you have and be thankful for everything that brings you happiness. As mother always said, there's someone out there that has less than you, so stop your whining.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Men's health awareness leads to hairy situation

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Temperatures drop and the long sleeves and jeans come out. With all of the extra layers of clothing, razors are often left behind or forgotten.

Women can definitely get away with leaving the razor behind for a couple weeks. Jeans and long sleeve shirts keep their hair hidden and

the extra hair keeps them just a little bit warmer. For men, this change is a little more noticeable. The facial hair begins to grow and the women start to swoon.

Yes, it is No-Shave November yet again and the beards are developing and the leg hair is starting to curl.

Some people start the month off strong, but give up along the way. Ju-

nior Haley Riffle is one of the women who began the month betting that she could hold off from shaving her legs longer than her roommate.

"Mostly, I am just really lazy when it comes to shaving my legs," Riffle said. "But my roommate and I decided that doing it together sounded really fun."

Riffle lasted two weeks before finally shaving.

"I stopped because I could feel my leg hair start to rub against my jeans. I also went to the gym and wore my workout leggings and realized that my legs just looked really gross," Riffle said.

Although Riffle might have failed, sophomore Carter Jeffery is still going strong.

Jeffery decided to do No-Shave November to raise awareness for men's health.

"Everyone is familiar with the fact that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, but few people realize that the purpose for No-Shave November is to raise awareness for men's health in general," Jeffery said.

According to the No-Shave November website, the tradition began in Australia in 2004. The month is dedicated to acknowledging the hair that cancer patients often lose. Participants are encouraged to donate the money they saved by not grooming to cancer research.

This is Jeffery's first year participating in the challenge and his girl-

friend is less than thrilled.

"I hate it. If I have to shave my legs, he should have to shave his face," sophomore Peyton O'Dell said.

Despite O'Dell's protests, Jeffery insists that the two situations are very different.

As No-Shave November comes to a close, more and more people are dropping out of the race. Whether knowingly supporting Men's Health Awareness month or not, men and women are letting their hair down for this cause.

"My beard could be fuller, but it's not for growing a beard," Jeffery said. "It's to raise awareness. So I do not care what it looks like."

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How to swim in molasses

A short story by Kaylie Sorenson

Step One: assess the situation in which you have somehow landed yourself in a giant pool of sweet sticky molasses. The circumstances that put you there are honestly irrelevant at this point, but self-reflection is always a great place to start when you land yourself in a... well...sticky situation.

Step Two: try to stop breathing so much. The added weight of oxygen filling your lungs will most likely make you sink further into the goo. Imagine this is like tar, but tar you can ingest without dying of some kind of poisoning. Unless of course you're in a lake of toxic molasses and then you're just screwed all around.

Step Three: spread your arms the best you can or if they're already out on either side of your body like

you're a massive water glider, then you're one step ahead of the rest of us. Try to propel yourself forward with all the strength you have left in those arm muscles. Use your legs if you have to.

Step Four: for the love of God do not roll onto your side in an attempt to get on your stomach to crawl. This will not work. You will suffocate on the molasses filling your mouth and nose and you will die.

Step Five: after all of this, go ahead and just give up because you're probably going to be stuck in there for the rest of your life or until some outside force air lifts you out of the puddle of molasses. Which is pretty unlikely. So just go ahead and accept your fate. It's probably your own fault you're in this mess in the first place.

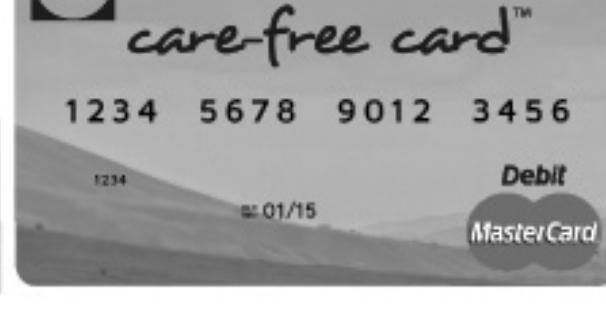
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Junior forward Brett Dougherty drives to the basket against Augustana March 15. Northwest prepares to take on Augustana Nov. 19 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

BASKETBALL CONTINUED FROM A12

In its final exhibition game, Augustana defeated the University of Iowa 76-74. Augustana forward Daniel Jansen made the game winning shot just before the end of regulation to complete the improbable upset. Preceding the exhibition showdown, Iowa entered the season fresh off of a trip to the NCAA tournament.

Northwest's game against Augustana will be a rematch from last year and the Bearcats know the stakes will be high. The two teams met in the second round of the NCAA tournament last year, with Northwest, the No. 4 seed, upsetting Augustana, the No. 1 seed, by a score of 66-65.

"We ended their season last year and they were really upset about it," senior guard Conner Crooker said.

"They're going to be ready for us, but they also know we're going to be ready for them. Both teams are going to be pretty excited, it's going to be a big game."

Augustana will return all of the starters from last year, which will give it a compelling advantage over the Bearcats. While Northwest returns a solid group of savvy veterans, it has struggled to overcome the loss of graduating seniors Matt Wallace and Grant Cozad.

Augustana is a lengthy team, full of good shooters, so the play of junior D'Vante Mosby and sophomore Brett Dougherty will be crucial for Northwest in establishing a physical presence inside. If Mosby and Dougherty can make it difficult for Augustana to score inside, they will put more pressure on their outside shooters. In last year's matchup, Jansen proved to be a tough nemesis for Northwest. The big man led Augustana with 20 points and 7 re-

bounds. If the Bearcats hope to prevent a repeat performance, they will have to get physical and make him earn his shots.

Last weekend, the Bearcats completed a two game split at the Hillyard Tip-off Classic. In their first game, the Bearcats were stunned as Upper Iowa defeated them 76-72. Northwest lost to Upper Iowa because they could not execute on offense or defense. The Bearcats had trouble defending an Upper Iowa team that is loaded with excellent shooters. Northwest also missed 16 free throws, which proved to be huge because they lost by four points.

"We have a long ways to go, especially offensively," McCollum said. "Defensively, I felt like we were okay against Upper Iowa, I just felt like we made too many costly mistakes. You watch Upper Iowa play us, then you watch Upper Iowa play Missouri Western, they were two different teams. The

shots they were hitting against us were pretty contested shots, not all of them, but most of them. The shots they were missing against Missouri Western were a little bit more open. Our guys have to understand (they are) going to take everyone's best shot. (We) cannot make the mistakes that we've been making and still win games. We need to grow up a lot if we expect to be anywhere near our expectations."

Augustana's team make-up is built similarly to Upper Iowa, so if Northwest wants to be successful against the Vikings, it will have to defend the perimeter, establish a presence down low, make outside shots and take advantage of the opportunities presented.

In its second game at the Hillyard Tip-off Classic, Northwest bounced back with a resounding 89-52 victory over Wayne State. During the game, the Bearcats played better inside and outside of the perim-

eter. Northwest's success inside the perimeter created opportunities for its shooters to get open, which led to baskets being made from the outside. Northwest's success on offense put pressure on Wayne State offensively, which was a big advantage for the Bearcat defense.

If the Bearcats hope to come away with a road victory over Augustana, they will have to resemble the team that beat Wayne State and not the team that lost to Upper Iowa.

"(Wayne State) wasn't as good as Upper Iowa, (but the win) showed how good we can be," Crooker said. "If we work as a team, have good rhythm on offense and play good defense, the sky's the limit. I think (the win over Wayne State) really boosted our confidence."

Northwest will face off against Augustana at 7 tonight in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



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No. 14 Bearcats prepare to take on No. 1 Augustana Nov. 19 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



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Girl's basketball enters season amid transition

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Quinten Albrecht is the new girls head basketball coach at Maryville High School. Albrecht takes his team on the road to Savannah for its first tournament of the year Dec. 1.

This Spoofhound team has won a combined 11 games over the course of the previous three seasons. With that in mind, coach Albrecht has turned his focus to the girls and their camaraderie.

"Before offense and defense, the most important thing that we need to do is build relationships. That's something I think lacks but we (the coaches) are all dedicated to pushing that," Albrecht said.

Joining Coach Albrecht on the bench is assistant coach Marcy Barons, as well as a very familiar face in freshman coach Jennifer Stock. Stock is a former student and player of Albrecht that followed him from his last coaching job in Trenton.

Jacquelyn Ware is one of the senior captains on this year's team. Her leadership will be critical considering all the changes in coaching staff and new players.

"We are learning multiple types of defenses and offenses. I think the team itself and the coaches have a better atmosphere, learning how to work with our teammates and growing together as one unit," Ware said.

This isn't the first time Albrecht has come into a program in desperate need of a turnaround. In 1999, he started coaching a Trenton team that had won only 10 games in the previous three seasons. In his first season as head coach, he was able to almost double that margin of wins, winning 18 games along with a district title.

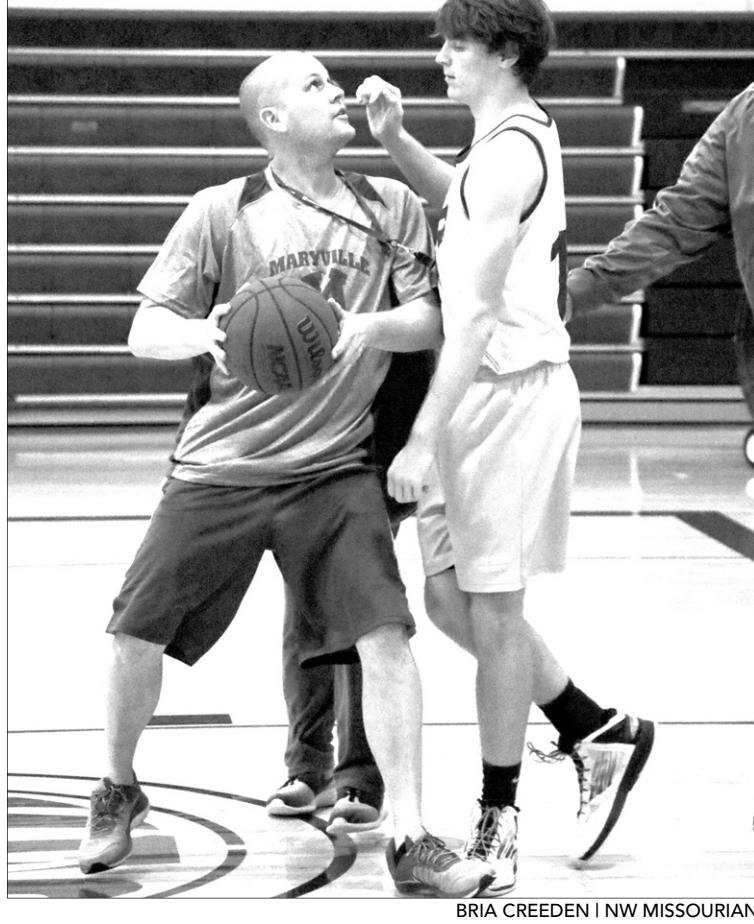
"I don't know what the turnaround time will be here. I really don't think it's a question of if, it's just a matter of when," Albrecht said. "I don't think winning is the hard thing, I think learning how to win is the difficult part. I've been in this business for about 30 years give or take, and most of those years, I've been involved not only in teaching but in coaching as well. When I got this opportunity, I was pretty excited about it. What I'm really excited about is that even though our numbers are low, the kids we have right now are out there working really hard, trying to pay attention to every detail. They really have a desire to be successful. It takes talent and desire to become successful, but desire definitely comes first."

Albrecht knows how important winning is, but even more than that, he knows it is big when rebuilding a program.

"It's important that when the buzzer sounds and the game is over, win or lose, that people in the stands are excited that their kids are working hard, respectful to the other team and officials," Albrecht said. "I want them to represent themselves well, me well, their school well and even more important, represent their community well."



Maryville girls basketball prepares for a new season with new head coach Quinten Albrecht, as they prepare for a turn around.



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Head coach Matt Stoecklein and junior D'vante Masbe practice drills Nov. 16.

Boys basketball prepares for season opener

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The Maryville High School boys basketball team is hard at work building off of last season's 13-13 record under head coach Matt Stoecklein.

Stoecklein had the chance to establish a sense of urgency for the team. The urgency would take the Spoofhounds to the semifinals of the Class 3, District 16 tournament. Maryville finished the season there with a 33-35 loss to East Buchanan. That loss gives the team motivation to perform at a higher level this upcoming season.

"It left us with a feeling that we can do better now," Stoecklein said. "We can be a whole lot better than we were last year. (We were) so close last year. This year we can do better."

The identity of the team was unknown going into last season. With a similar squad this season, the team has taken the necessary steps to establish a positive atmosphere.

"Last year at this time, we didn't really know what we had what we

wanted to do," Stoecklein said. "This year, we have a much better idea of what we have."

Growing from last year's loss, the team spent time over the summer with unofficial practices three mornings a week. Junior Jackson Golightly said this has helped the team create the identity that continues to evolve today.

"There is a lot more energy," Golightly said. "The team is molding together already. Our chemistry is up to where it was the middle of the season last year."

Some of the Spoofhound basketball players are still not in the picture. Due to Spoofhound football going into the postseason, those multi-sport athletes did not begin practicing until earlier this week. This has not stopped Stoecklein from establishing goals for this season.

"We think we are good enough to be in the top of the district, and even farther than that," Stoecklein said. "We have really good talent."

The Spoofhounds recognize the need to communicate on and off the court to reach this goal. This season, Stoecklein and his coaching staff have created the theme of "impose

your will," which will help further the Spoofhounds' goal on the court.

"Be much more aggressive and do not set back. We want to play that basketball fast, we want to move fast."

The process of imposing cannot happen without dedication. Golightly says the team has begun to recognize the steps needed to reach the goals of the theme.

"We bond together pretty well," Golightly said. "Coaches help with that, too. Practices are fun. They (the coaches) get us to work."

The first test for the Spoofhounds will take place at the Savannah basketball tournament. Despite the distance between now and the first game, the team is ready to prove its identity.

"We just want to go in there and compete," Stoecklein said. "We know it is going to be tough. We just want to go and compete and work hard."

The Savannah basketball tournament will occur Nov. 30-Dec. 5 at Savannah High School. Game details will be announced as the tournament approaches.

FOOTBALL

Final MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST.....	11-0	11-0
Emporia St.....	9-2	9-2
Fort Hays St.....	8-3	8-3
Central Missouri.....	8-3	8-3
Central Oklahoma.....	6-5	6-5
Pittsburg St.....	6-5	6-5
Missouri Western.....	6-5	6-5
Washburn.....	5-6	5-6
Northeastern St.....	3-8	3-8
Lindenwood.....	3-8	3-8
Missouri Southern.....	1-10	1-10
Nebraska Kearney.....	0-11	0-11

Nov. 21

Emporia St. at Minnesota St. Mankato

Nov. 28

NORTHWEST vs. Humboldt St. or Augustana

VOLLEYBALL

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Central Oklahoma.....	29-3	16-2
Central Missouri.....	28-4	15-3
Nebraska Kearney.....	29-5	15-3
Washburn.....	27-4	14-4
Missouri Western.....	21-9	12-6
Fort Hays St.....	21-13	10-8
NORTHWEST.....	15-14	8-10
Emporia St.....	11-18	6-12
Lindenwood.....	15-15	6-12
Southwest Baptist.....	5-24	3-15
Pittsburg St.....	2-27	2-16
Missouri Southern.....	2-27	1-17

Nov. 20

MIAA Volleyball Semifinals

Nov. 21

MIAA Volleyball Championship

NW Men's Basketball

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Lincoln.....	0-0	2-0
Central Missouri.....	0-0	2-0
Fort Hays St.....	0-0	2-0
Central Oklahoma.....	0-0	2-0
Lindenwood.....	0-0	2-0
Southwest Baptist.....	0-0	2-0
Washburn.....	0-0	2-0
Pittsburg St.....	0-0	2-1
NORTHWEST.....	0-0	1-1
Missouri Western.....	0-0	1-1
Missouri Southern.....	0-0	1-1
Northeastern St.....	0-0	1-1
Nebraska Kearney.....	0-0	1-1
Emporia St.....	0-0	0-2

Nov. 19

NORTHWEST at Augustana

Nov. 24

NORTHWEST vs. Central Methodist

NW Women's Basketball

Class 3 State Tournament

Central Oklahoma.....	0-0	3-0
Emporia St.....	0-0	3-0
Northeastern St.....	0-0	3-0
Lincoln.....	0-0	2-0
Missouri Southern.....	0-0	2-0
Missouri Western.....	0-0	2-0
Washburn.....	0-0	2-0
Pittsburg St.....	0-0	2-0
Fort Hays St.....	0-0	2-0
Lindenwood.....	0-0	2-1
Southwest Baptist.....	0-0	2-1
Nebraska Kearney.....	0-0	1-2
NORTHWEST.....	0-0	0-2
Central Missouri.....	0-0	0-2

Nov. 21

William Jewell at Pittsburg St.

Nov. 24

Newman at Fort Hays St.

Playoff loss crushes Spoofhounds title bid

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Odessa head coach Mark Thomas was not going to take any chances with the Spoofhounds down one possession.

Leading 22-14, the Bulldogs wanted to seal the game and make it unlikely for Maryville to make a comeback.

Odessa faced a fourth and 3 from the Maryville 27-yard line with 5:36 remaining in the fourth quarter. A field goal was out of the picture on a cold, frigid night in Odessa. The Bulldogs were going to go for the first down.

On fourth down, Odessa pitched the ball towards the Maryville sideline to senior running back Kobe Hardin. Hardin put himself in position to throw the ball, then tucked it and looked like he was going to run for the first down.

At the last minute, he squared himself to set up a pass to senior wide receiver Austin Wilson.

"We read it perfect," head coach Matt Webb said. "We knew they were going to run that play. The corner was on it. The kid tucked it to run it, then he threw it. When they line up in that formation, that is what they've run before."

Hardin tossed the ball just out of the reach of junior cornerback Tomas Coalson right into the diving hands of Wilson at the Maryville four-yard line.

Hardin scored a touchdown on the next play to give Odessa a 28-14 lead.

"They are a good football team,"

Webb said. "They didn't do anything we didn't think they were going to do. They took advantage of their opportunities and the turnover margin. That is the first thing that comes to mind."

This play did not define the outcome for the Spoofhounds.

Maryville turned the ball over four times throughout the game and twice in the redzone.

Coming out of halftime, senior running back Dakota Beemer ran the ball for 67 yards to the Odessa 10 yard line, but fumbled two plays later to give possession back to the Bulldogs.

After the Hardin touchdown to give Odessa a two possession lead in the fourth quarter, junior fullback Elijah Green fumbled the ball at the Odessa 20-yard line.

This was the first time all season that Maryville faced not only adversity, but also a deficit.

Throughout all those struggles, the Spoofhounds' sideline was all about encouragement. Players rallied each other to get back in the game.

The players resembled the persona of their head coach. They were confident and experienced.

"We felt good all the way through (the game)," Webb said. "The kids never stopped believing. We had them where we wanted them, but we couldn't get a stop there in the end."

The Spoofhounds fell 28-14, ending their state title run. Although the Spoofhounds' season didn't end the way they wanted it to, they have a bright future ahead of them in the 2016 season.



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior Ryan Owens embraces former Spoofhound Jacob Cacek after a tough loss to Odessa Nov. 13.

Maryville will lose only 12 senior players to graduation.

On offense, junior quarterback Trey Oglesby will return to the helm for his senior season.

The Spoofhounds lose Beemer at running back, but juniors Matt Twaddle and Bob Bruckner look to take over the backfield. Both Twaddle and Bruckner combined had 636 yards rushing and nine touchdowns.

On defense, sophomore linebacker Jacob Reuter is poised to take over the middle linebacker position.

Juniors Cole Phillips, Tomas Coalson and Bryce Farlin return to the Spoofhound secondary.

The only major concern for Maryville is along the offensive and defensive line. A total of seven players will graduate who rotate between both lines.

Oglesby said coach Webb takes the offseason as time to get better.

"Coach Webb pushes us pretty hard in the offseason," Oglesby said. "For the guys that don't have winter or spring sports, they go after school to work with coach. We will just try

to stay in shape and get bigger, faster and stronger."

Even though the team will not be able to practice on the field, the offseason is time for the team to practice its craft.

"There is only so much you can do in the offseason, but individually, you can prepare and make yourself better," Oglesby said.

Players will not be able to take the field until spring practice. Oglesby said they come together in the spring on their own to practice timing and rhythm.

Basketball looks to build from early struggles

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The Northwest Missouri State women's basketball team is looking to learn valuable lessons from its first games of the season.

Marked by a 89-52 loss to Augustana and a 76-54 loss to University of Sioux Falls, the Bearcats began their season with an 0-2 record.

"We knew we were going on the road for the first time with a bunch of new players," head coach Michael Smith said. "It was new to them. We need to understand a little urgency within the team. We have to get better every day in practice. We are a real young team, there is no doubt about it."

The Bearcats played six underclassmen over the weekend. For most of them, it was the first time playing in a Bearcat uniform. This

was a test the team needed to engage in.

"It opened our eyes to what college basketball life is going to be," junior Shelby Mustain said. "The girls hadn't been exposed to what they are going to come into."

The team opened up its season against Augustana on Nov. 13. The game was filled with defensive play marked by seven rebounds each from junior Shelby Mustain, junior Jasmin Howe and senior Member Schechinger. Offensively, the Bearcats were only able to hit 37 percent of their shots while Augustana hit 47 percent.

Their loss to the University of Sioux Falls was the opposite story. The second loss came against the University of Sioux Falls. The Bearcats showed more offensive power in the game, making 48 percent of their shots. Sioux Falls was only able to make 45 percent of its shots. Tanya Meyer also scored a career-high 22 points for the Bearcats.

Despite the ability to shoot, simple defensive mistakes would give Sioux Falls an advantage.

Both losses came as learning experiences for the Bearcats.

"We knew we had our hands full," Smith said. "We went in there, played a lot of young kids, got our eyes opened a lot."

Mustain said the youth of the team led to simple mistakes which need improvement.

"Being patient with the ball, we had too many turnovers," Mustain said. "Defensively, we let a lot of middle drives happen. Keying in on defense and limiting turnovers is what we need to work on."

Smith does not put the blame of the two losses to the strength of the opponent.

"It is about us understanding each other," Smith said. "Going back on film, a lot of things we beat ourselves at. We've just got to get

better and drill more and more everyday in practice so they become second nature to us.

Learning from mistakes could put the Bearcats at an advantage when conference play begins.

"I like us," Smith said. "Hopefully, by the end of the year we can play our best basketball. It is a process, we know that. It is going to take a little bit of time."

Northwest's next game occurs against Rockhurst University at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 in Kansas City. The Bearcats return home to conclude pre-conference play against Missouri Valley College at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24 followed by the University of Saint Mary at 6:00 p.m. Nov. 30.

The results of the Bearcat's Nov. 18 matchup against Quincy were unknown at the time of publication.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BEARCATS

Shawn Bane Jr.



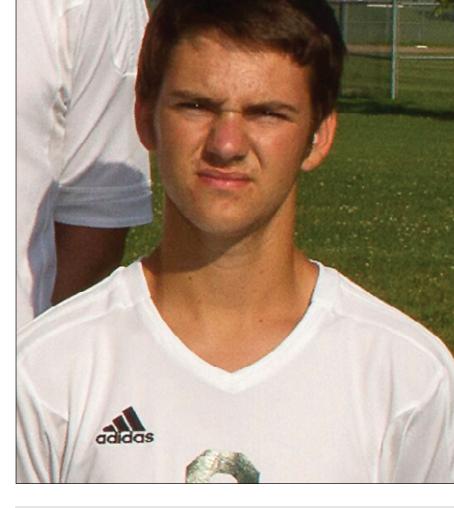
The freshman wide receiver caught 11 passes for 124 yards and a touchdown as the Bearcats completed their 12th undefeated regular season with a 49-13 victory over Washburn.

Maddy Bruder



The freshman outside hitter for the Bearcats volleyball team was named to the 2015 All-MIAA Volleyball first team after tallying 317 kills, 251 digs, 40 blocks and nine service aces.

Joe Suchan



The senior defender for the Spoofhounds soccer team was named to the Second Team All-MEC team after helping guide the team to a district championship.

Dakota Beemer



The senior running back for the Spoofhounds football team ran for 172 yards in the Spoofhound's 28-14 loss to Odessa in the Class 3 playoffs.

SPOOFHOUNDS





BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior defensive tackle Collin Bevins was named to the First Team All-MIAA Football team for the second year in a row. Twenty-one Bearcats received All-MIAA honors.

CALM BEFORE THE STORM

Bearcats use first round bye to regroup before playoffs

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The Northwest Missouri State Football team gets a much needed breath of fresh air this week. With a win against Washburn in the final week of the regular season, the Bearcats clinched a first round bye in the NCAA Division II Football Championship playoffs.

Northwest has not had a week off since before the season began. This break will give players and coaches much needed time to heal physically and mentally, but also to prepare for what lies ahead.

"From a health standpoint, it's big. It gives a lot of the guys a chance to get back and get healthy and ready for next week," senior offensive lineman Shane Smith said. "Whenever we can officially get our film traded with the other teams, we can gain that much of an advantage."



to start preparing for both teams."

The Bearcats were named the No. 1 seed in the Super Regional Three division of the playoff bracket. Northwest's opponent in the second round depends on the outcome of the first round matchup between the No. 4 seeded Humboldt State and the No. 5 seeded Augustana.

The Augustana Vikings are a part of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) which produced three playoff teams this season. Minnesota State-Mankato, Augustana and Sioux Falls all represent the NSIC in the Super Regional Three division of the bracket.

Augustana fell to Minnesota State-Mankato 35-27 earlier in the season, but came out on top against Sioux Falls 35-28.

The Vikings' junior quarterback Trey Heid is ranked No. 11 in Division II for passing yards this season with 3,317 yards.

On the other side of the first

round matchup, the Humboldt State Lumberjacks have a running back that is putting up impressive numbers this season as well.

Sophomore running back Ja'Quan Gardner leads all Division II running backs with 1,996 yards this season. Gardner averages 199.6 yards a game, 23 yards a game more than any other running back in Division II.

"From what I've heard about (Gardner), he's a homerun threat," senior linebacker Brock Sherman said. "Every time he touches the ball he has a chance to break away and score. If they do end up winning, I know that will be a challenge for us to be able to contain him. With a player like that, it's always tough. You have to play great, sound defense."

The good news for the Bearcats is if they keep winning, they will not face a team outside of Bearcat Stadium until the National Champion-

ship game in Kansas City. Sherman said he knows how big of an advantage Northwest has when playing at home.

"It's huge whenever you get a team to come to Bearcat Stadium and play there," Sherman said. "With the crowd and the atmosphere that you have, you don't really get that a lot at a lot of DII places. It's a huge boost for us, especially if you're down or something and you can get the crowd into it, it just gives you that extra momentum to keep going."

The MIAA conference announced its 2015 All-MIAA Football team Nov. 17. The Bearcats secured 21 spots on the roster, 11 of which earned All-MIAA First Team honors.

Northwest also had four players earn individual awards in the MIAA. Collin Bevins was named Co-Defensive player of the year, Adam Dorrel was named Coach of the Year for the

second straight year, Simon Mathiesen was named Special Teams Player of the Year and Shawn Bane Jr. was named Freshman of the Year.

Smith was one of the players named to the All-MIAA First Team for his second year in a row. Smith said the award is a sign of how well the team played throughout the season.

"I think honestly it's a culmination of how well we have done as a team that got me on that list," Smith said. "I think that we have had a lot of great guys on offense that have been pushing and doing it all together. I'm definitely honored, but I realize that it's because of how well our team has done."

The Bearcats take on Humboldt State or Augustana at 1 p.m. Nov. 28 in Bearcat Stadium.

2015 First Team All-MIAA



Brock Sherman
Senior Linebacker



Brandon Yost
Senior Defensive Line



Brady Bolles
Senior Quarterback



Bryce Enyard
Senior Defensive Back



Shane Smith
Senior Offensive Line



Jacob Vollstedt
Junior Linebacker



Collin Bevines
Junior Defensive Line



Shawn Bane Jr.
Freshman Kick Return/ Junior Defensive Back
Punt Return



Kevin Berg
Junior Defensive Back



Simon Mathiesen
Junior Kicker



Jordan Grove
Sophomore Tight End/
Fullback

Basketball faces rematch with Augustana

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After a rocky start to its season, the Northwest men's basketball team (1-1) will have to lick its wounds as it prepares to take on Augustana (0-1), which will head into the matchup as the No. 1 ranked team in Division II.

Similar to the Bearcats, Augustana got off to a rough start as it lost to Washburn in the Las Vegas Invitational. Despite the loss in its first game of the regular season, Augustana has already proved to be a dangerous opponent, one the Bearcats will need to take seriously.

"He's an excellent coach and an excellent guy (Augustana head coach Grey Giovanine)," head coach Ben McCollum said. "He's got great kids on his team and they play hard. It'll be a fun game. They play fast, they're an offensive minded team, where we try to be good defensively. We've just happened to be good offensively the last few years. We don't play quite as fast, we'll be more of a half-court team. They want to score and we need to limit their opportunities to do that."

